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[redacted] the 10th VP Bereitschaft was an engineer unit stationed in the old German barracks in Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken. [redacted] the unit had a strength of 100 officers and about 1,000 police.

2. The Bereitschaft was organized into a headquarters with a personnel strength of 160 police, one Sonderkommando, and three Kommandos.

3. Officers of the unit included Oberpolizeirat Krause, (fnu), who was CO of the Bereitschaft, Polizeirat Schmidt, (fnu), a Politkultur (PK) Leiter, and Kommissar Worms, (fnu), the CO of the 3rd Kommando.

4. The unit was equipped with infantry arms, engineer explosives, two trucks, four passenger cars and one motorcycle.

5. When basic infantry training was almost complete, most stress was laid on the construction of field fortifications and obstacles. Most of the engineer training was still confined to theory. The Sonderkommando, which was made up of police with advanced engineer training, was

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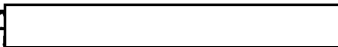
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engaged in practical bridge construction.

6. The 10th VP Bereitschaft was in Hohenstuecken on 25 May 1950. Strength of the organization was about 1,000 police. The Bereitschaft was located in a settlement where additional houses had been converted to bring the total capacity to 1,400 men. The unit received new ZIS trucks recently.

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